女の子の設計図

Blueprints for a Girl

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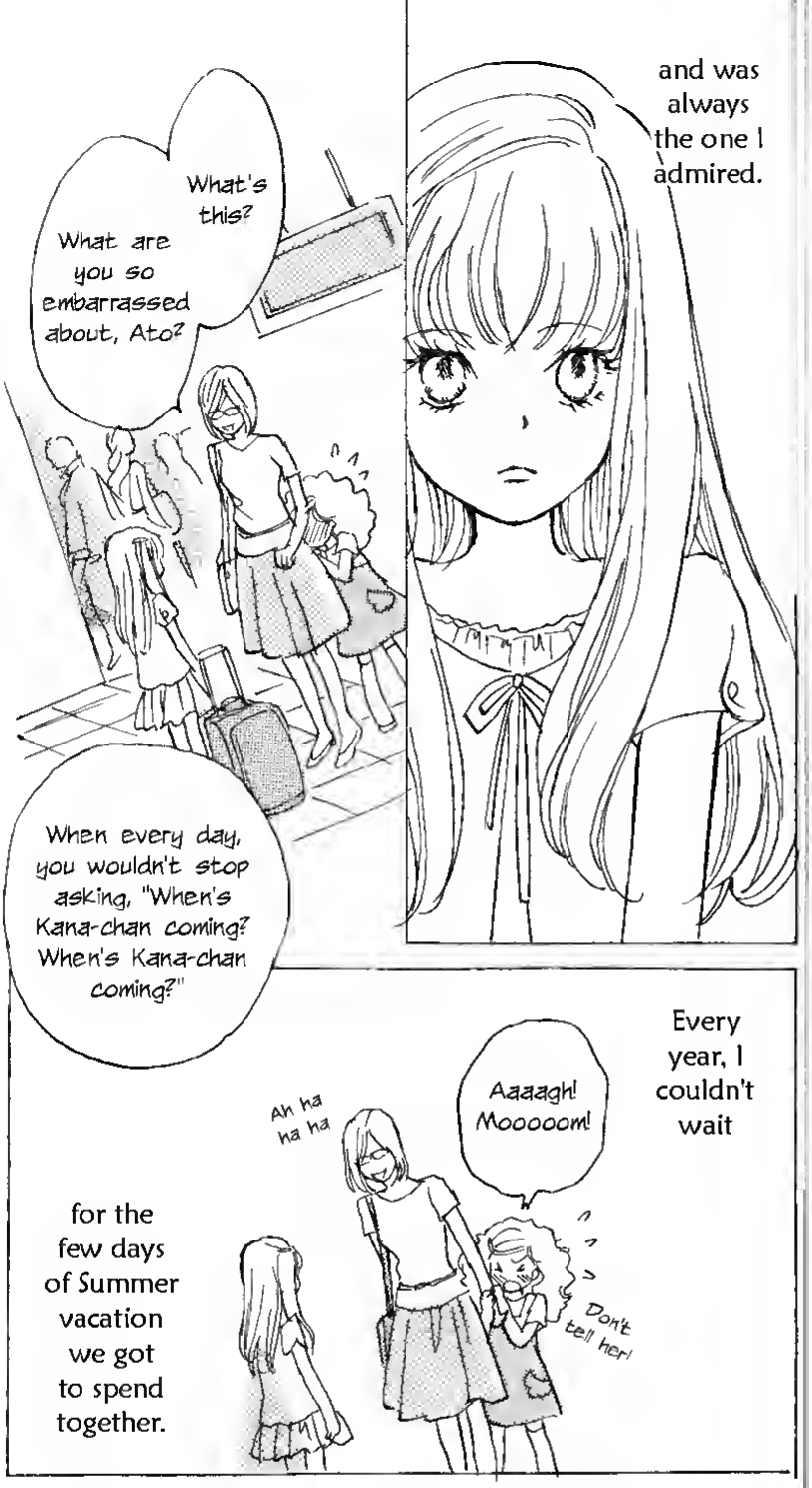

What's this?
What are you so embarrassed about, Ato?
When every day, you wouldn't stop asking, "When's Kana-chan coming? When's Kana-chan coming?"
Aaaagh! Mooooom!
Ah ha ha ha
Don't tell her!

and was always the one I admired.

When our parents divorced,

my older sister and I each had to live with one of them, apart from the other.

Every year, I couldn't wait

for the few days of Summer vacation we got to spend together.

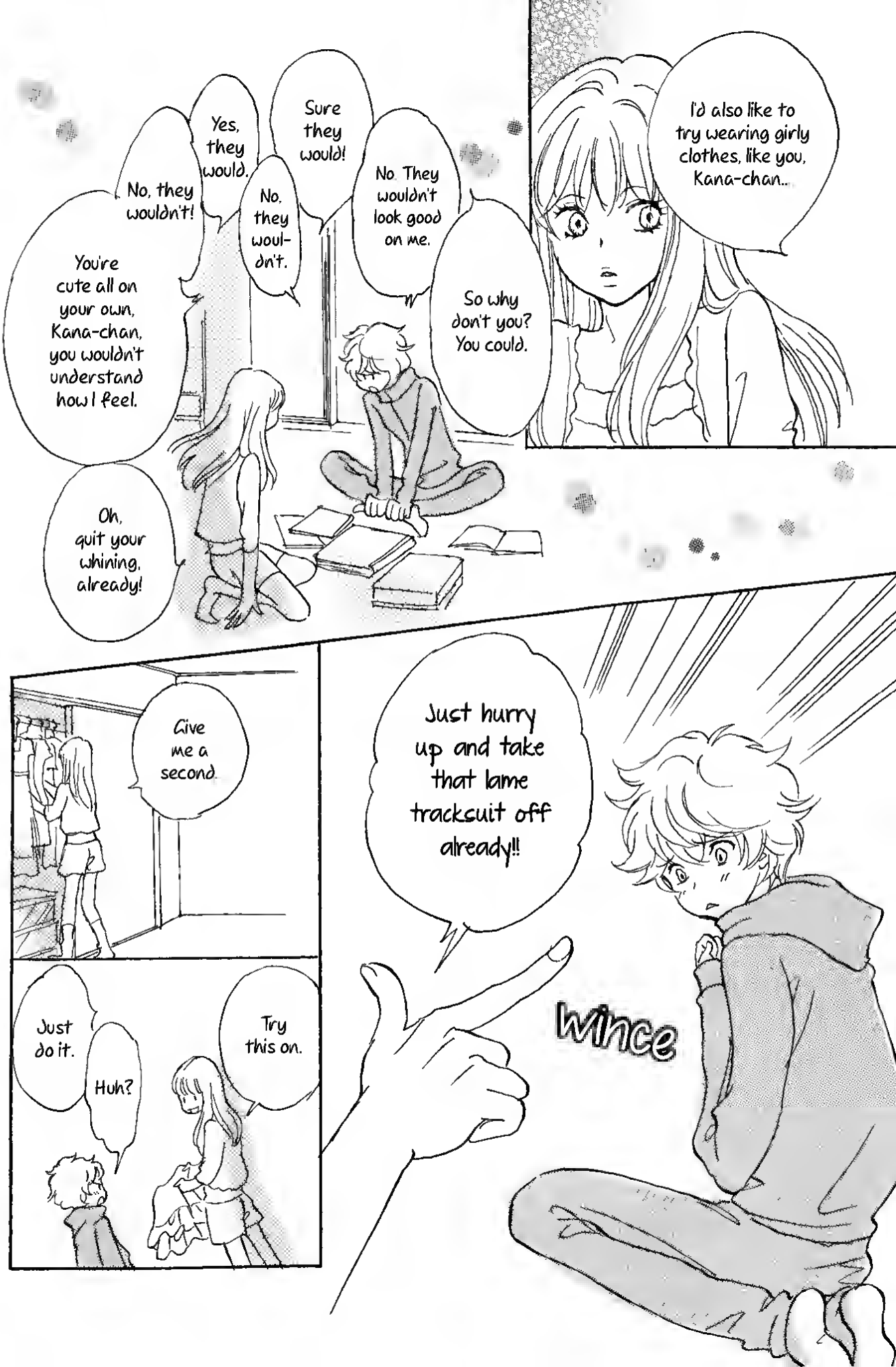
Unlike my dark, stumpy self,

she was like a fair, frilly princess

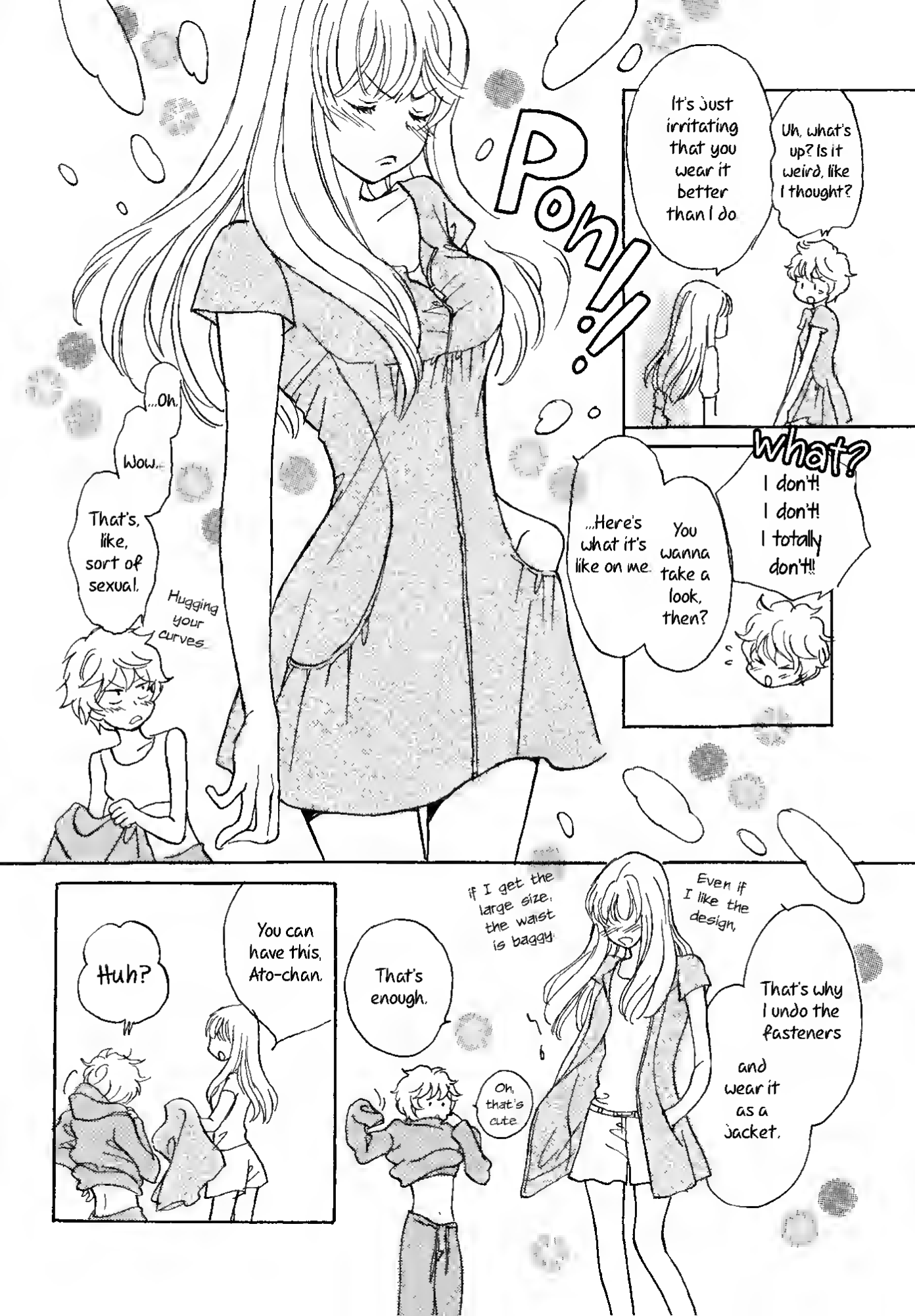
Kana-chan's long, silky hair...

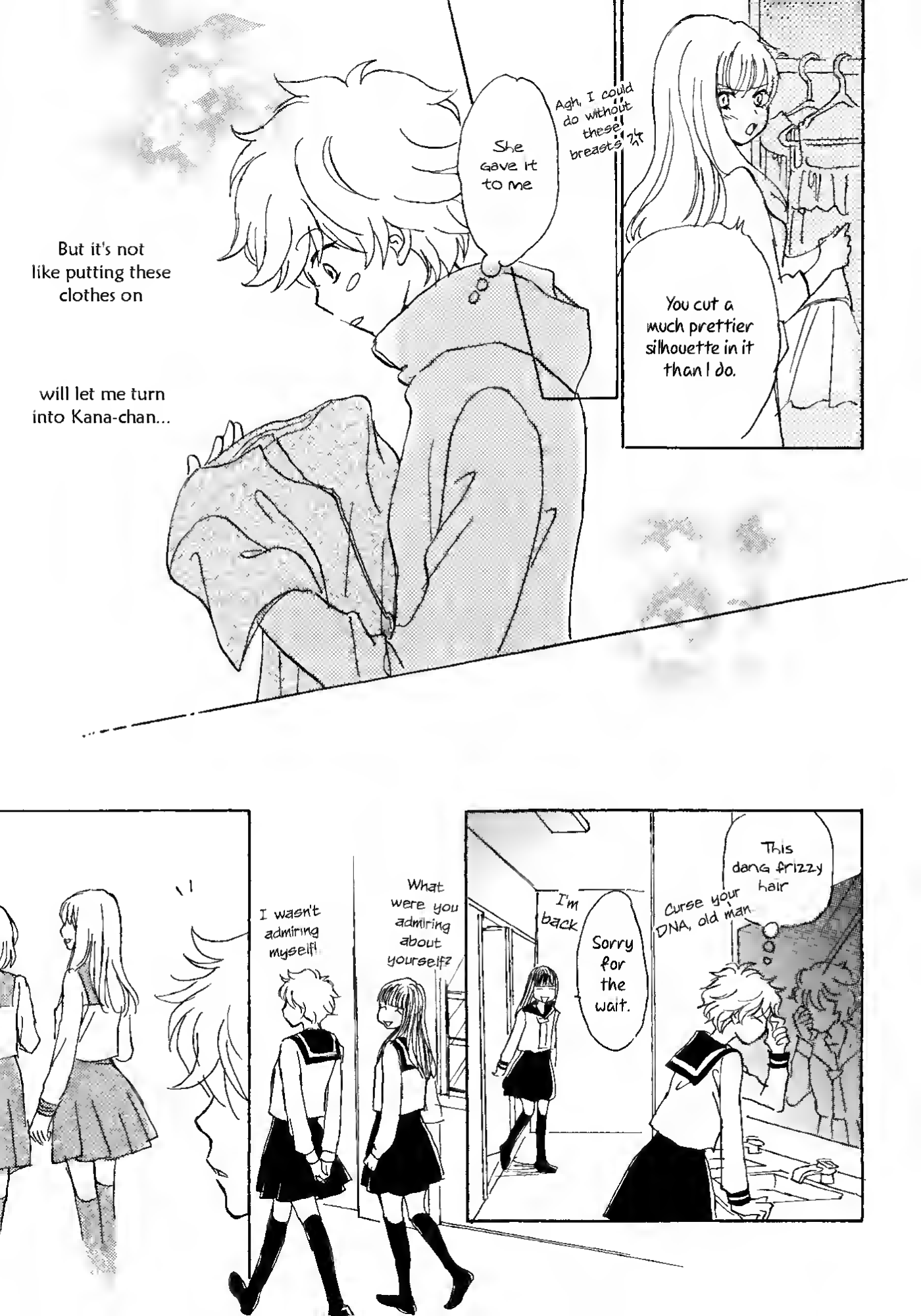
I wanted to be like her, too.

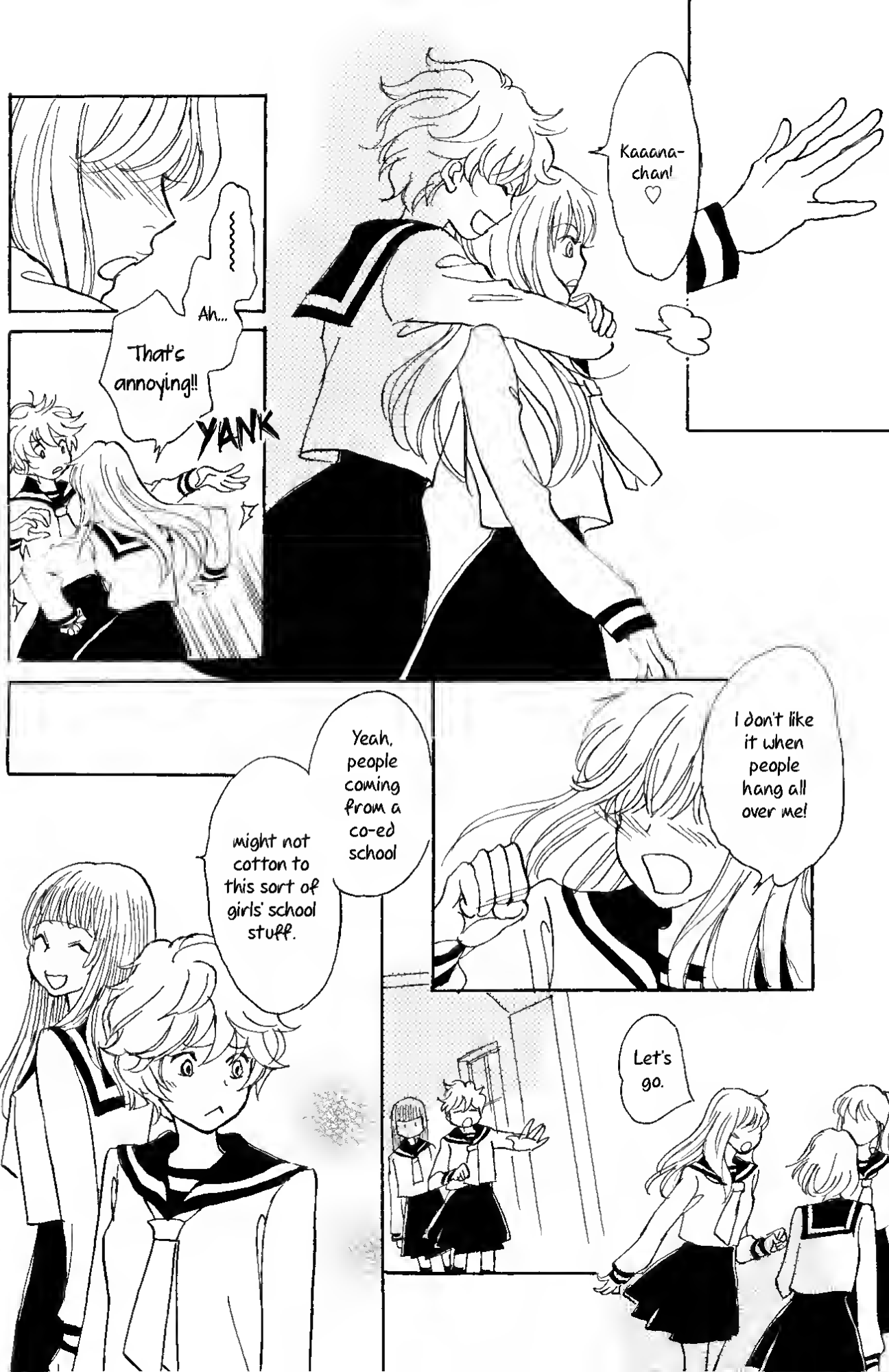
But my hair is frizzy.
so it grows out every which way.
I wore my hair long all the way until middle school graduation.
Your hair quality takes after dad's, doesn't it.
So it is heredi-tary...
And straight perms don't work
When I was a puffball, I was one of the lame girls
But then I suddenly rose up among the handsome girls
And then I got popular with the girls all of a sudden. Caught me by surprise.
When I entered high school. I took the opportunity to chop it all short.
Ugh...
If you say so.
Fwop
But really, as a maiden, even more than getting fussed over by girls,
I want to be like them. You know...
Short and slight...
With smooth, glossy hair..


I'd also like to try wearing girly clothes, like you, Kana-chan...
So why don't you? You could.
No. They wouldn't look good on me.
Sure they would!
No, they would-dn't.
Yes, they would.
No, they wouldn't!
You're cute all on your own, Kana-chan, you wouldn't understand how I feel.
Oh, quit your whining, already!
Just hurry up and take that lame tracksuit off already!!
Wince
Give me a second.
Try this on.
Huh?
Just do it.

That's cute!
You're just saying that! This is embarrassing!
I'm telling you, they look good on you!
Try this one next.
Too short!
Oh
It is denim.
I think I like this one.
And you don't wear skirts, besides your uniform.
But you have such great legs! They're slender and long.
It's a shame not to show them off, Ato-chan.


Pon!!
It's just irritating that you wear it better than I do.
Uh, what's up? Is it weird, like I thought?
What?
I don't! I don't! I totally don't!!
...Here's what it's like on me.
You wanna take a look, then?
...Oh.
Wow.
That's, like, sort of sexual.
Hugging your curves.
Even if I like the design,
That's why I undo the fasteners and wear it as a jacket.
If I get the large size, the waist is baggy.
That's enough.
Oh, that's cute.
Huh?
You can have this, Ato-chan.


But it's not like putting these clothes on
will let me turn into Kana-chan...
She gave it to me
Agh, I could do without these breasts!
You cut a much prettier silhouette in it than I do.
I wasn't admiring myself!
What were you admiring about yourself?
I'm back
Sorry for the wait.
This dang frizzy hair
Curse your DNA, old man


Kaaana-chan!
Ah...
That's annoying!!
YANK
I don't like it when people hang all over me!
Yeah, people coming from a co-ed school might not cotton to this sort of girls' school stuff.
Let's go.

Yeah!
You were all like, "Girls' school is gonna make me sick."
But you've gotten used to this like it's second nature, eh?
Really..
You're your big sister's girl, Ato.
Wow that was a whole-hearted approval!
There's nothing better than when you get along.
If only you could see how we sisters fight at my house.
Maybe it's 'cause we've been apart for longer.

I think I get what you mean.

I fight with my big sister all the time, but I love my cousin, who has more of an age difference.

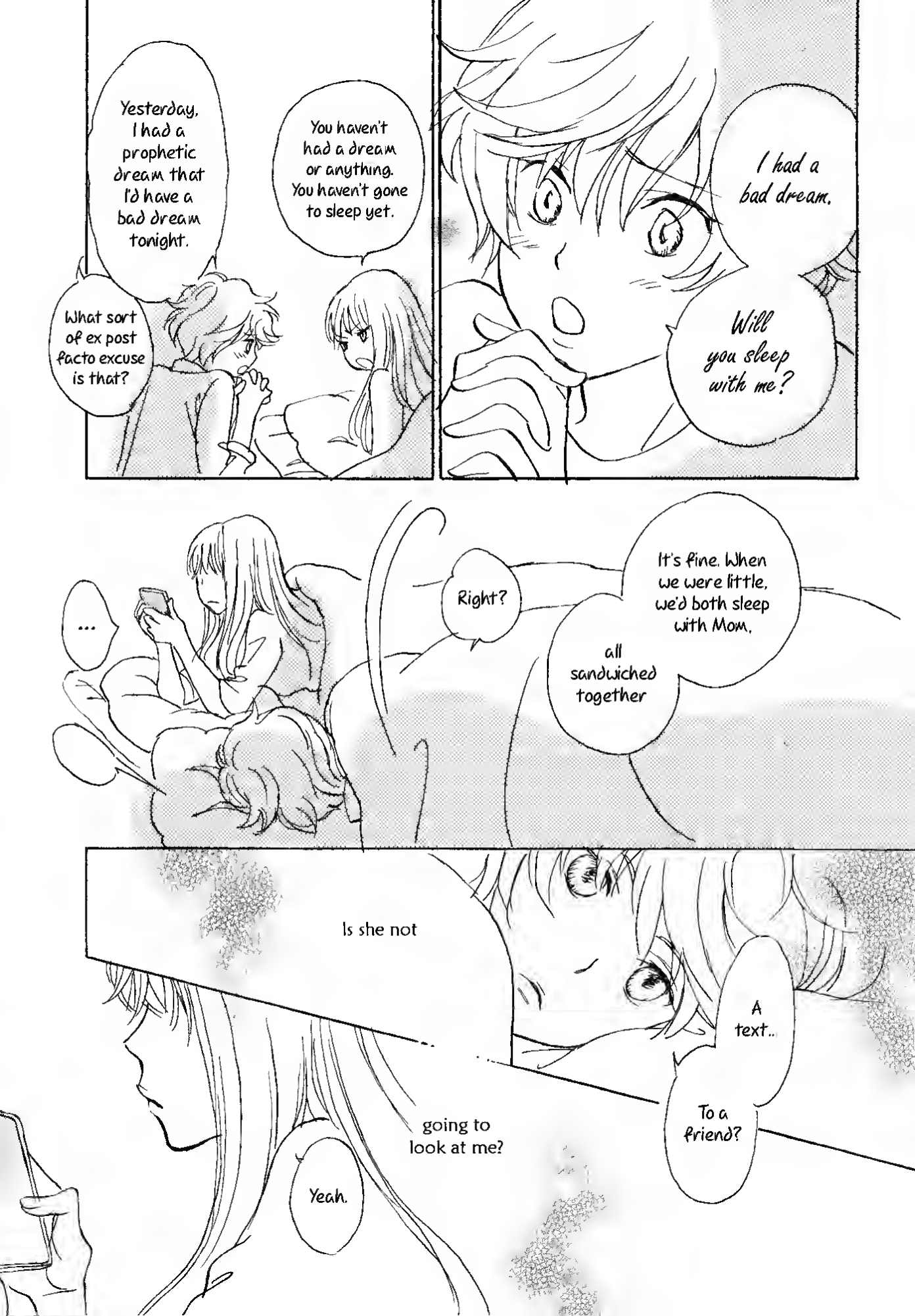
I guess it's good not to get too close or too far.

drag

What are you doing?

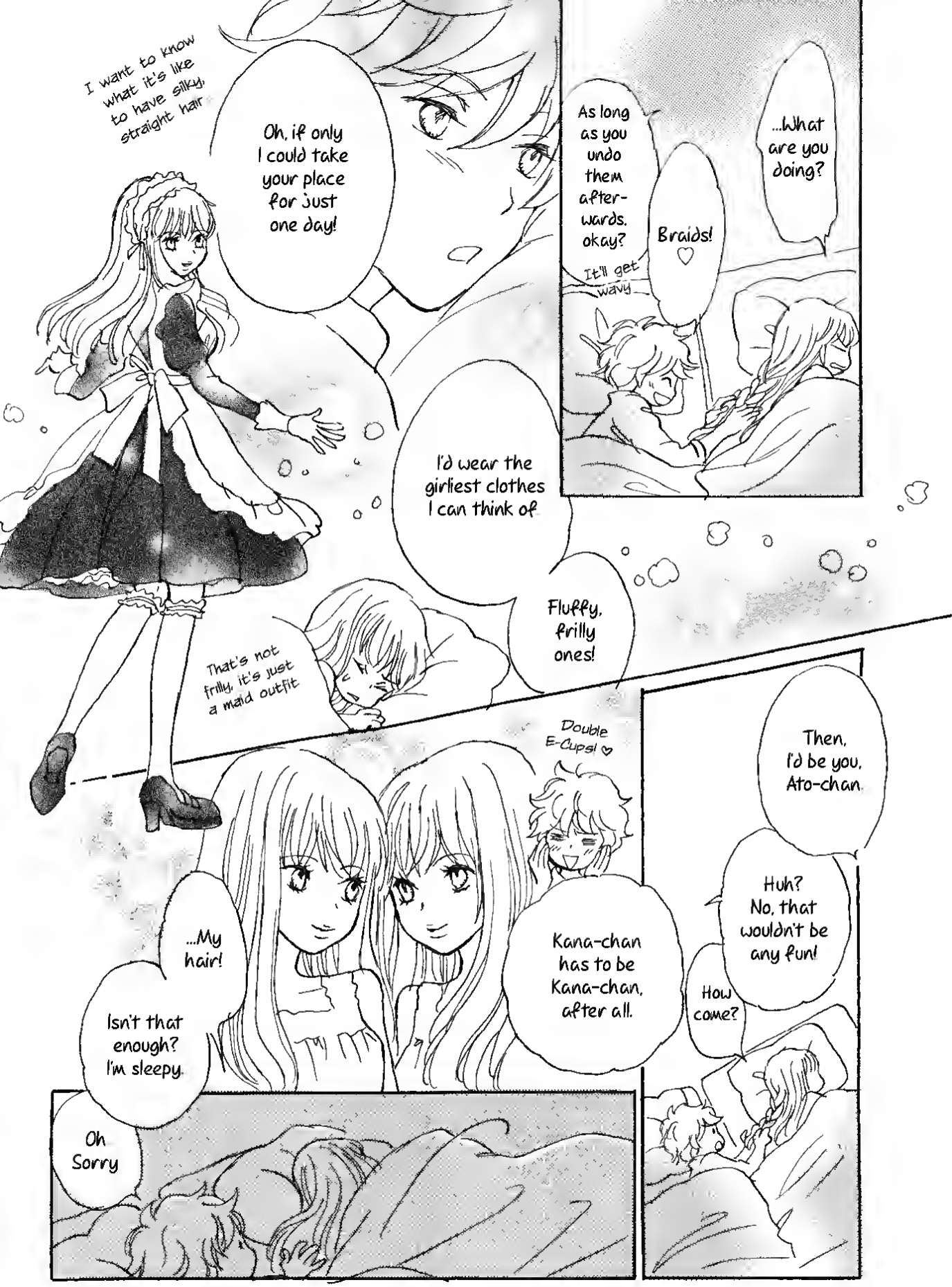
I thought I'd sleep next to you.

No.

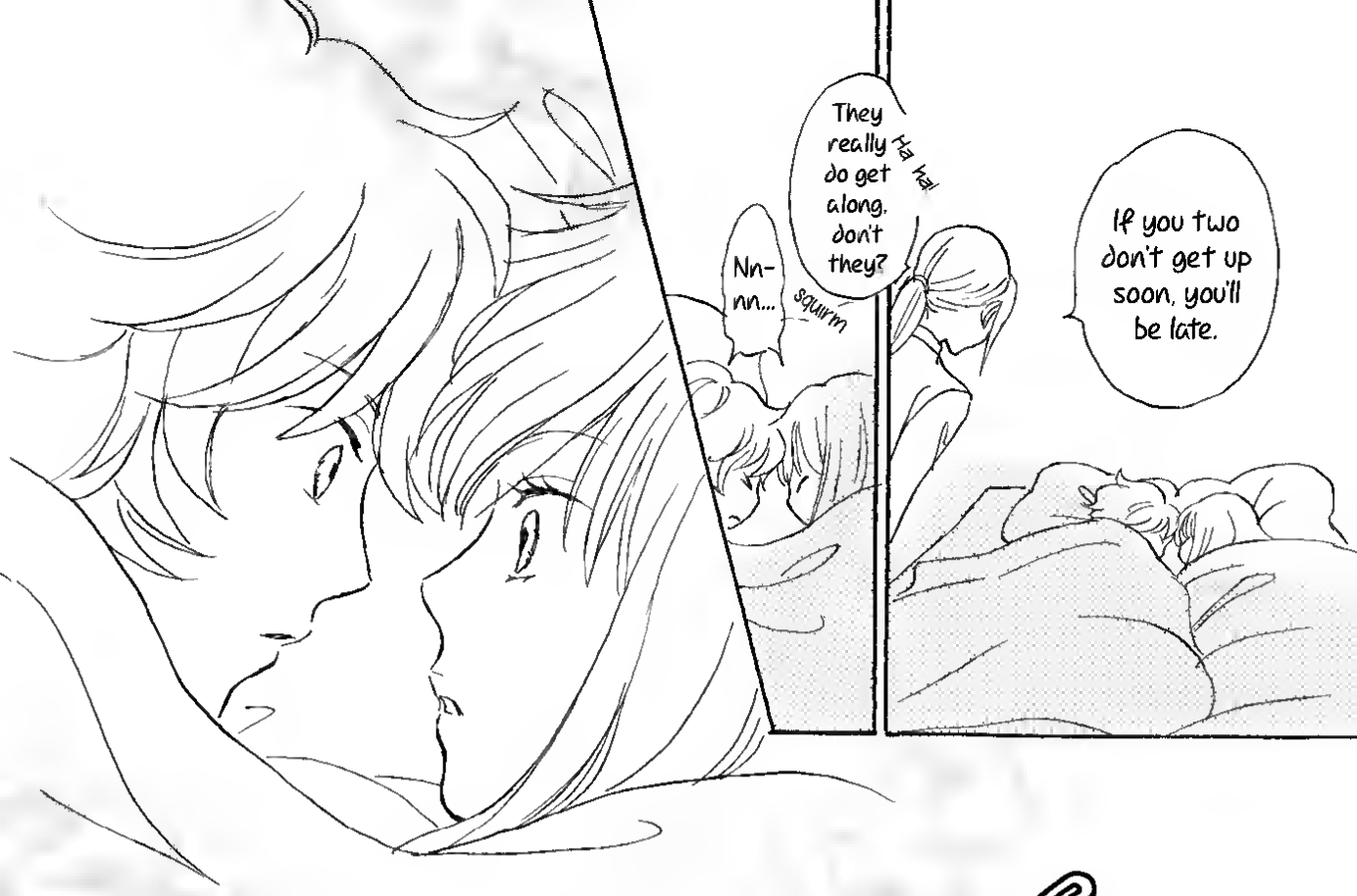

I had a bad dream.
Will you sleep with me?
You haven't had a dream or anything. You haven't gone to sleep yet.
Yesterday, I had a prophetic dream that I'd have a bad dream tonight.
What sort of ex post facto excuse is that?
It's fine. When we were little, we'd both sleep with Mom, all sandwiched together
Right?
...
A text..
To a friend?
Is she not going to look at me?
Yeah.

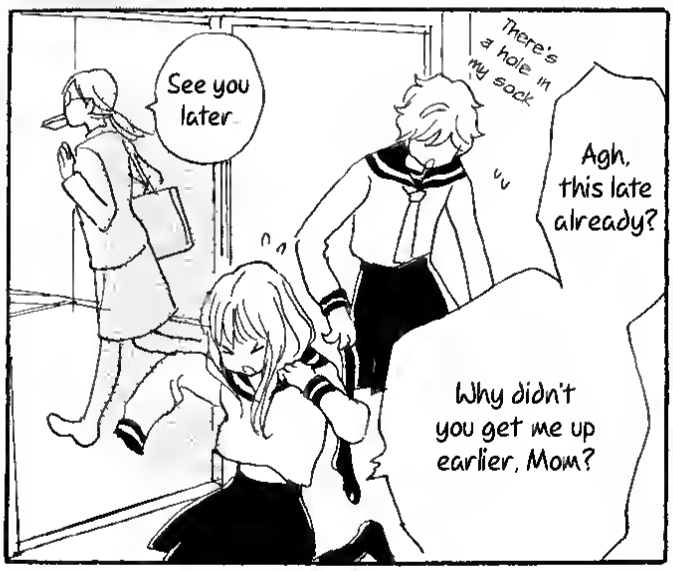
Didn't you say you didn't have any female friends??
PWUP
Yeah, it's a boy.
From my old school.
Hmm-mmm...
Plop
...Your boy-friend?
As if.
Just a friend.
"Get bald already."
Anything you want to tell him?
Finished sending the other one.
Anyway, now I'm writing a text to Dad.

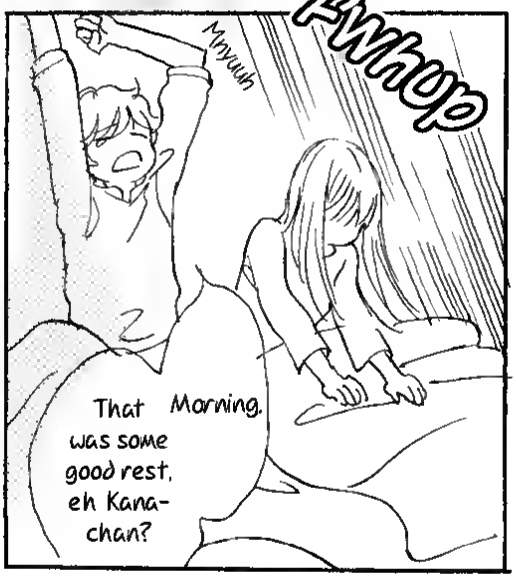
If you're done, I'm turning off the lights.
Leave the mini-light on.
Ka-chik.
'Kay.
Good night.
Can I touch your hair a little?
I'm kind of sleepy.
I'll do it reeeeally soft.
...Just do what you want.
It's so silky.

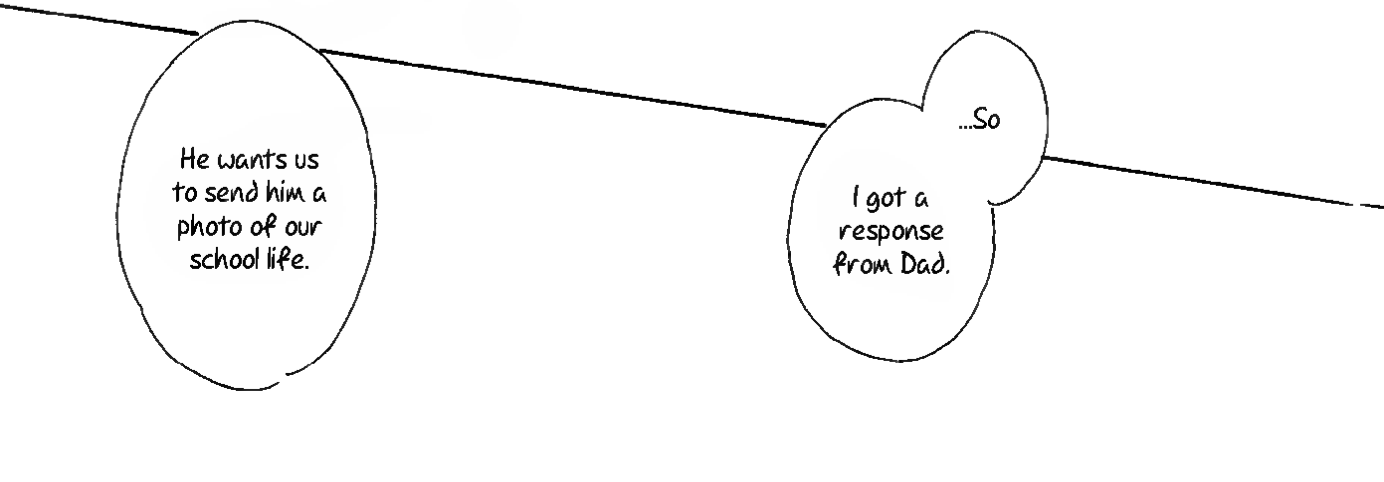

I want to know what it's like to have silky, straight hair
Oh, if only I could take your place for just one day!
I'd wear the girliest clothes I can think of
Fluffy, frilly ones!
That's not frilly, it's just a maid outfit
...What are you doing?
Braids!
As long as you undo them afterwards, okay?
It'll get wavy
Then, I'd be you, Ato-chan.
Huh? No, that wouldn't be any fun!
How come?
Double E-Cups!
Kana-chan has to be Kana-chan, after all.
...My hair!
Isn't that enough? I'm sleepy.
Oh Sorry

yawn
Good night, Kana-chan.
Good morning!

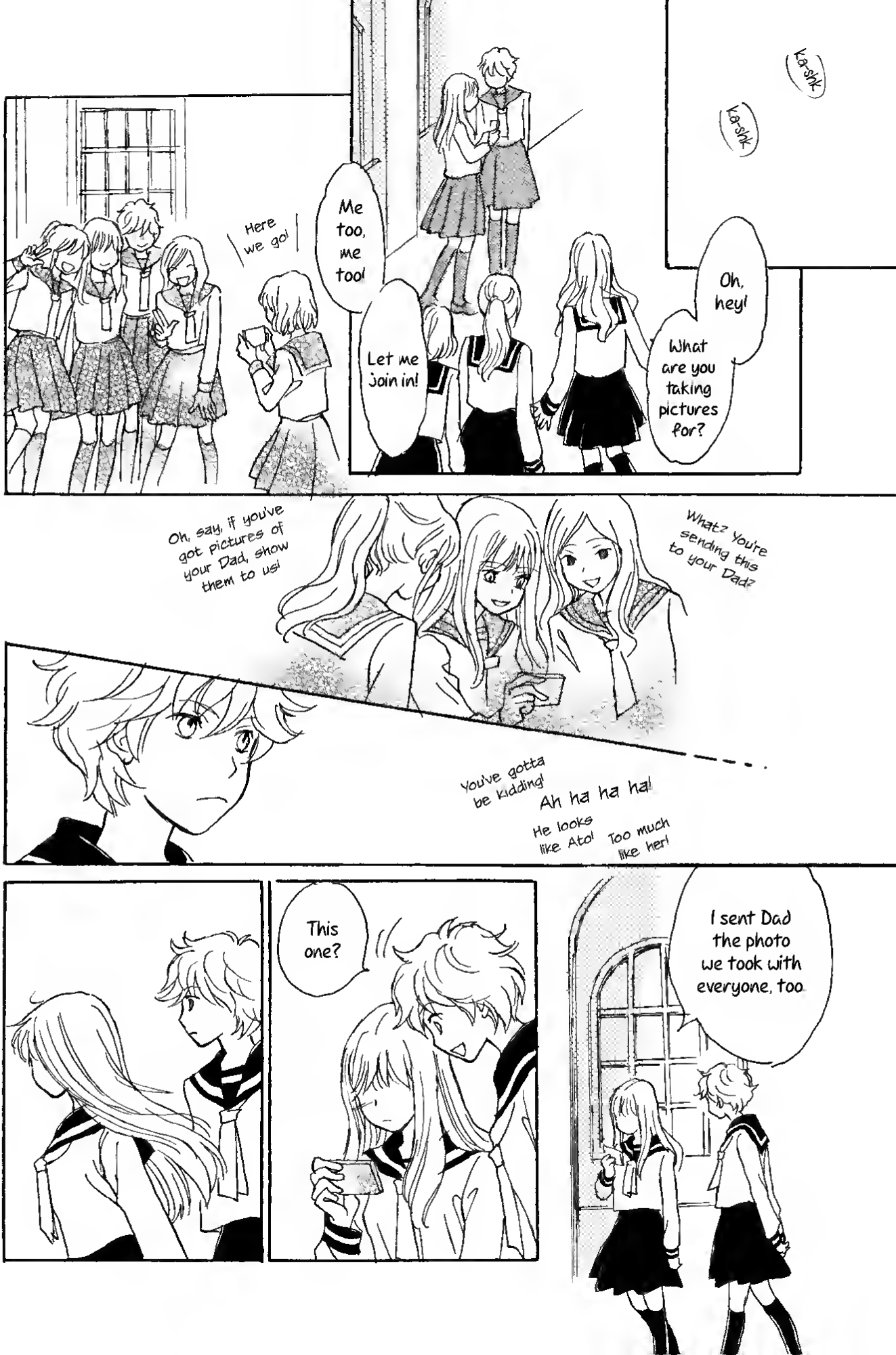

If you two don't get up soon, you'll be late.
Nn-nn...
squirm
They really do get along, don't they?
Ha ha!


See you later
There's a hole in my sock
Agh, this late already?
Why didn't you get me up earlier, Mom?


Pwhop
Mmyuuh
Morning.
That was some good rest, eh Kana-chan?


...So
I got a response from Dad.
He wants us to send him a photo of our school life.

He said he wants to see you being handsome.
What'll I do if his young wife falls for me?
Not happening. Old dudes are her specialty.
Let's try to get the courtyard in the background.
Oh, no good, it's back-lit.
Let's change the angle. Huh? There's no back-light mode?
Squat down a little more, Ato-chan.
Like that. Come in closer.
Like this?
...
Kana-chan, that's no good! You have to smile!
I-
I am smiling!


Ka-shk
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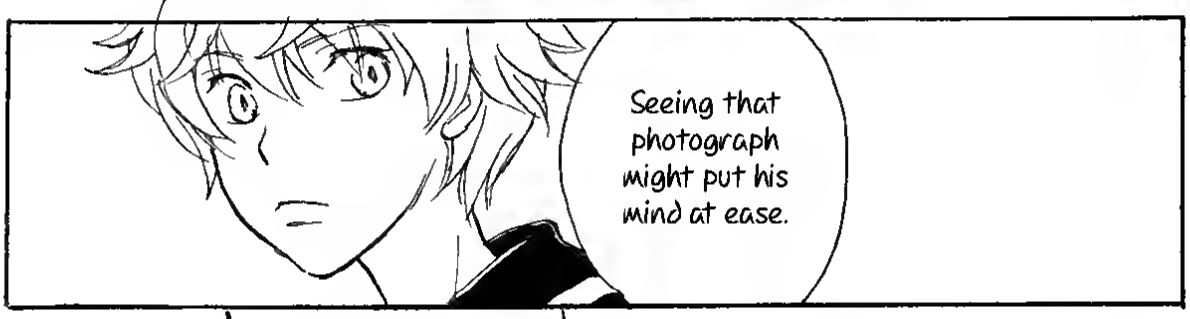
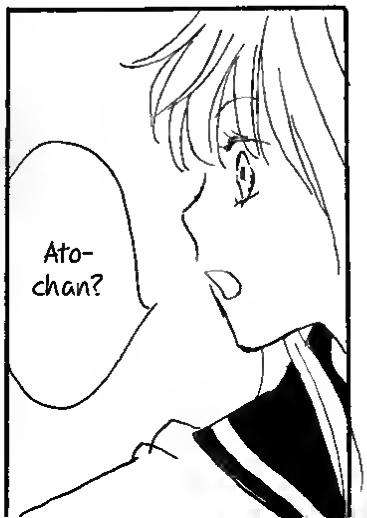
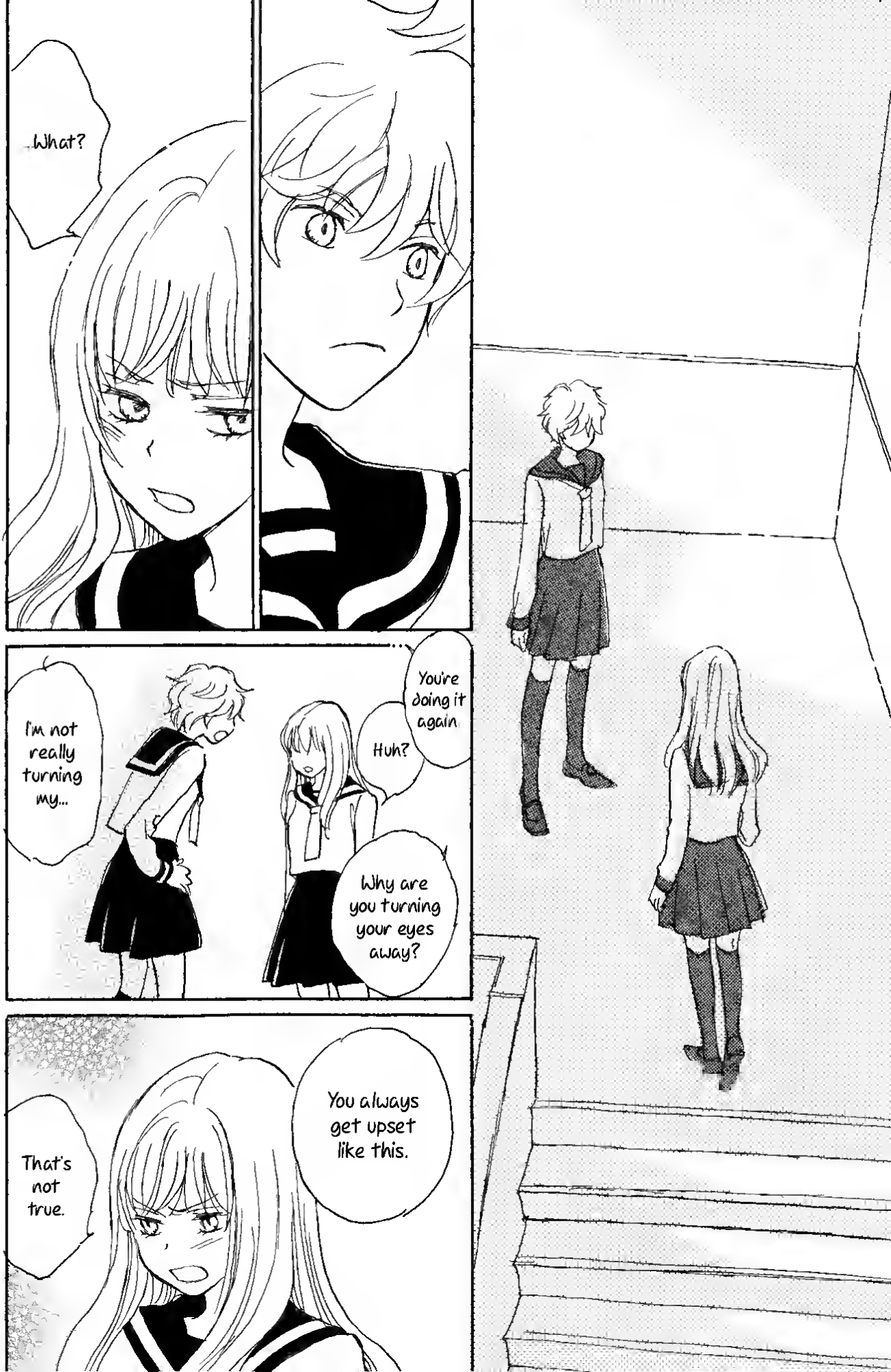
Oh, hey!
What are you taking pictures for?
Let me join in!
Me too, me too!
Here we go!
Oh, say, if you've got pictures of your Dad, show them to us!
What? You're sending this to your Dad?
You've gotta be kidding!
Ah ha ha ha!
He looks like Ato!
Too much like her!
This one?
I sent Dad the photo we took with everyone, too.

But I think he was worried
about how I didn't have any friends to bring home.
...Dad
...Didn't say anything.


Seeing that photograph might put his mind at ease.

Where are you going? Lunch break is almost over.
Hey, Ato-chan!


Ato-chan?


What?
You're doing it again
Huh?
I'm not really turning my...
Why are you turning your eyes away?
You always get upset like this.
That's not true.

Even though you look like you're having fun with other girls,
when you're with me, you don't smile much.
Did I do something to make you mad?
I am not mad!
Yes, you are.
No, I am not!
So if I hang on you, you won't be mad?
I
I
I
I
Of course I'm gonna be mad!!
SQUEEZE!

Huh?
Excuse me?
What does that mean, the "right height differ-ence?"
But we have just the right height difference.
You said it yourself
Um...
What does it mean?
grumble grumble
It's just that when someone looks down on me like that, I just...
Oh, that's right!

It's just right for a peck on the forehead.
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